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GENEVA S/S FOR GELB

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS

SUBJECT: US ARMS SALES POLICY
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1. FOLLOWING ARE SUPPLEMENTARY TALKING POINTS TO BE DRAWN
UPON IN EXPLAINING PRESIDENTIAL DECISION ON US ARMS SALES
POLICY. BASIC GUIDANCE AND INSTRUCTIONS BEING SENT SEPTTEL.

2. FOR BELGRADE: IF ASKED HOW THE GUIDELINES WILL IMPACT ON YUGOSLAVIA, EMBASSY SHOULD INDICATE THAT NEW POLICY WILL NOT PRECLUDE PROVISION OF APPROPRIATE DEFENSE EQUIPMENT TO YUGOSLAVIA, IN RESPONSE TO YUGOSLAV REQUESTS.

3. FOR PRAGUE: IF ASKED WHAT THE US IS SEEKING BY WAY OF RESTRAINT BY OTHER SUPPLIERS, YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT WE ARE CONSCIOUS THAT THE SUCCESS OF THE POLICY WILL DEPEND ON THE COOPERATION OF OTHER SUPPLIERS--AND RECIPIENTS--AND WE WOULD HOPE THAT OTHER MAJOR SUPPLIERS WOULD EXERCISE UNILATERAL RESTRAINT AND THAT MULTILATERAL COOPERATION IN RESTRAINT COULD BE WORKED OUT. WE WILL BE DISCUSSING THESE QUESTIONS WITH THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED AND ARE MAKING SIMILAR POINTS TO MAJOR WESTERN EUROPEAN SUPPLIERS. ONLY IF ASKED, YOU MAY INDICATE THAT PEKING IS BEING INFORMED OF OUR POLICY IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER GOVERNMENTS AND POTENTIAL SUPPLIERS.

4. FOR MOSCOW: YOU SHOULD OFFER THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE US POLICY:

-- SECRETARY VANCE RAISED THE ISSUE OF THE NEED FOR RESTRAINT IN CONVENTIONAL ARMS SALES DURING HIS VISIT TO MOSCOW WHERE IT WAS AGREED TO ESTABLISH A JOINT US-SOVIET WORKING GROUP TO DISCUSS THIS QUESTION.

-- WE ARE CONSCIOUS THAT THE SUCCESS OF OUR POLICY WILL DEPEND ON THE COOPERATION OF OTHER SUPPLIERS--AND RECIPIENTS--AND WE WOULD HOPE THAT OTHER MAJOR SUPPLIERS
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WOULD EXERCISE RESTRAINT AND THAT MULTILATERAL COOPERATION IN RESTRAINT CAN BE WORKED OUT.

-- IN THE CONTEXT OF THE JOINT WORKING GROUP, WE PLAN TO FOLLOW-UP THE MOSCOW TALKS WITH DISCUSSIONS OF POSSIBILITIES FOR BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL COOPERATION.

-- WE ARE MAKING SIMILAR POINTS TO MAJOR WESTERN SUPPLIERS. CHRISTOPHER

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